

PIOCHE WEEKLY RECORD.

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ALONG THE COAST.

Interesting Occurrences From all Over the Coast.

NEWS OF THE WEEK CONDENSED.

A Number of Miscellaneous Jottings Briefly and Curiously Told in This Column.

The free market will be established in San Francisco upon the water-front through the efforts of the State Board of Trade.

The valley to the north of Redding is clouded with smoke and the heat from the forest fires near Dunsmuir is oppressive.

Colonel Crocker says it is untrue that the Southern Pacific has any idea of acquiring the Mount Lowe Scenic Railway in Los Angeles.

The school bond proposition in Hanford carried and Oriental school district is to have additional school facilities at a cost of \$10,000.

Golden Gate, Peralta and Piedmont are to be added to Oakland. This will increase the population nearly 10,000. This was decided by a special election.

The postal receipts for San Francisco for May were \$25,385, while those for the same period last year amounted to but \$25,463, showing an increase of \$2905.

The new passenger rates to Hanford made by the San Francisco and San Joaquin railway were met by the S. P. Also the 90 cent rate from Fresno to Hanford.

A train has reached San Francisco on the S. P. which is the first to make close connections between the Sierra and Pacific roads from mountain points near the Yosemite.

The steamer City of Topeka has arrived at Port Townsend from Alaska. She brought word that the schooner Gen. Siglin had been wrecked and all on board were lost.

Governor Budd has relieved Duran until July 9. Meantime the Supreme Court will be asked to command the Warden at San Quentin to execute the prisoner on the day set.

The Chamber of Commerce has decided to get out a folder giving a description of Orange county, for distribution at the Christian Endeavor convention at San Francisco.

Union printers and bookbinders in San Francisco are greatly excited over the letting of the contract of the State university printing to the Pacific Press Publishing Company of Oakland.

The wine shipments to New Orleans are about 300,000 gallons a month, and at the cut of 15 cents a gallon the wine means a loss of \$45,000 a month to the California industry at that point alone.

The affairs of the gigantic lumber trust in San Francisco have been settled at 85 cents on the dollar, and the big concern, which was known as the Central Lumber Company, has gone out of business.

After systematic investigation as to how the opium, morphine and cocaine trade in the Poloma State Prison were supplied, it was discovered that L. N. Desmarais, the prison chemist, has been selling it to them.

California is supporting three hundred insane Chinese in its asylums, and as they are not citizens the lunacy commission holds that the State can legally transport them. Their maintenance costs the State \$45,000 a year.

Work will be commenced at Tacoma at once on the greatest irrigation project ever started on the coast. Sixteen miles of ditch will be completed this summer, which will water 5000 acres. It is the intention to make the system water 200,000 acres.

The Pasadena and Los Angeles electric railway has begun paying for the lighting of the streets of Pasadena. It will have to turn over \$930 to \$950 to the city every month. The company does this because the town refused to grant a franchise to a rival railway.

William Kettler, a pioneer resident of the island near Fernside, in Humboldt county, died at his home there after a week's illness. He was a native of Germany, aged 78 years, and resided in that county for over forty years.

Local agents met in Stockton recently and after talking with representatives from San Jose and Sacramento, decided to refuse to sign the agreement which would be held in San Francisco to talk the matter over with the companies.

Ground has been broken on the Lake Tahoe Railroad between Truckee and Tahoe City. The railroad will connect the lake with the main line of the Southern Pacific. It will be standard gauge, and sleepers will be run to the shore of the lake. A big hotel will soon be erected there.

The proprietors of a hotel in San Luis Obispo subscribed \$500 toward securing a meeting of the Grand Parlor of the Native Sons in that city, and afterwards refused to pay the amount. They were sued, and the Superior Court gave judgment against them for the full amount.

Fire has destroyed several thousand acres of pasture and grain near Clondman. Nearly all the grazing land near the town was cleaned of its grass, and the farmers will now have to move their stock to the San Joaquin river, as the pasture toward the Yosemite has been used up.

Arrangements have been completed this week for Marshall & Field of Philadelphia to erect at North Ontario a factory to cost \$10,000, for the manufacture of citric acid from cull lemons. This will be the second factory in the State and will utilize a large amount of cull fruit which heretofore has been wasted.

Wool growers in Medocino county are comparatively pleased with the re-

sults of the sale of spring clipping. Ruling prices per pound were 12 1/2 cents, being an increase over last year of 1 1/2 cents. A great deal of Mendocino clip was sold at 18 cents. Returns show that 258,478 pounds were sold.

The City Assessor of Los Angeles has completed the assessment of the City Water Company for the coming fiscal year. The total city assessment is \$1,421,545. The heaviest increase is in the value of the franchise, from \$75,000 to \$600,000, the Assessor justifying his action by a recent decision of the Superior Court, which declares that such franchises are of great value.

State Labor Commissioner Fitzgerald, who has just returned from a personal investigation of the labor employed in the beet fields at Pleasanton, Alvarado, Watsonville and Salinas, says: "I find that between 95 and 98 per cent of all the labor used in the beet fields of California is Japanese and Chinese, with the Chinese fast going to the wall as against the competition of the Japanese. The cane fields of Hawaii have over 14 per cent of white labor, while the beet fields of our own California show but 5 per cent at present. The Japanese bosses in the fields told me that next year they will handle the entire industry and that they can get all the Japanese necessary by way of Victoria. They say, too, that they expect to become farmers and bid against the whites in renting the land."

CONGRESSIONAL NOTES.

The taxes on beer and tea will be stricken out of the Dingley tariff bill. H. E. Benner has been appointed Postmaster at Mantion, Tehama county, Cal., vice W. T. Hurt removed.

It is estimated that the Government is losing three million dollars a week in revenue by the delay in the passage of the tariff bill.

Senator Perkins is much pleased over his success in getting a satisfactory tariff on citrus fruits, raisins, currants and cherries.

Lucin's "Novel Proposition for an export bounty on agricultural exports was defeated in the Senate recently. Only ten votes were cast for it.

It is announced that ex-Attorney General Richards of Ohio, an intimate friend of President McKinley, will be appointed Solicitor-General July 1st. Secretary Long has issued an order exempting from civil service examination restrictions, in addition to veterans, men honorably discharged from the naval or military service during the war.

J. C. Boatman of Oakland, who has been in Washington as the private secretary of Congressman Hilborn, has been appointed as an agent of the Treasury Department for the salmon fisheries in Alaska.

T. A. MacFarland has been appointed Postmaster at Live Oak, Santa county, vice James Hedges, removed. Commissions were issued to Philip Johnson at Field's Landing, Cal., and Joe D. Fraser, at Windsor, Cal.

A bill has been reported from the pension committee giving eight dollars per month to all surviving soldiers or widows of the various Indian wars. It will increase the pension payments seven and a half million dollars.

A bill will soon be submitted to Congress authorizing the President to prorogue temporarily the commercial treaties with Germany and France, Italy, Great Britain and Belgium, all of which expired at the end of May.

The Alaskan boundary treaty has been reported in executive session by Senator Turpie. The report recommends the ratification of the treaty, with an amendment making it clear that the United States concedes none of its seacoast rights by accepting Mt. St. Elias as the initial point for the boundary line.

It has been decided to make the "Gear bill," providing for a commission composed of three Cabinet officers, to settle the Pacific railroad debt, special order of business immediately after the tariff is disposed of. This is a point scored by Huntington and his men. The railroads are also in good spirits over an assurance from the Interstate Commerce Commission that the anti-scalping bill will be reported favorably to the Senate.

Specifications for the San Francisco Postoffice building have been mailed to Collector of the Port Jackson for advertisement. These will provide for the excavations for foundations and sub-structure. There will elapse at least four weeks before the bids will be in order for opening, and then at least five days will be necessary for examination by the department here, which will make it August 1st before there will be any chance for actual work on the building to commence. No further details will be considered until the new architect is installed, when there will be an effort made to have new plans for superstructure made.

The practical consolidation of the gas companies of New York city and Brooklyn has caused a sensation in financial circles. Those who have been engaged in the effort to amalgamate the various corporations have vigorously denied that the consolidation has been finally settled, but it is practically completed. The plan of the companies is to manufacture all the gas used in Greater New York in one great plant, which is now the property of the East River Company. This plant is located at Ravenswood, Long Island. The companies concerned, the Consolidated, Standard, Equitable and East River, have a total capital stock of \$5,615,000, two-thirds of which is represented by the consolidated and a bonded indebtedness of \$1,150,000. The real estate along the East river is conservatively estimated to be worth \$20,000,000 and it is probably worth much more. According to official statements the companies cleared \$4,915,000 last year.

The Irish members of Parliament have declared their intention of taking no part in the celebration of the Queen's jubilee.

The London Board of Trade report shows an increase in exports for the month of May of \$2,435,000 and an increase in import of \$14,932,000.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

Condensed Telegraphic Reports of Late Events.

BRIEF SPARKS FROM THE WIRES

Budget of News For Easy Digestion—All Parts of the Country Represented—Interesting Items.

The free turnpikes of Kentucky are again engaged in a toll-gate war, and fears are entertained that much loss of life may result.

It has been stated in New York that all the first mortgage bonds of the St. Paul, Minneapolis and Manitoba Railway Company, which is leased to the Great Northern, have been paid off. The second mortgage, amounting to \$8,000,000, becomes the first mortgage.

The National Anti-Mob and Lynching Association has been incorporated in Columbus, Ohio, by colored citizens. Its purpose is to discourage lynch law and arouse public sentiment for legislation providing adequate punishment by forming similar associations everywhere.

Without any special ceremony the battleship Iowa was transferred by the Government and put into commission at League Island, Philadelphia. Captain W. T. Sampson, formerly chief of ordinance, who has been placed in command, assumed full control.

A St. Louis dispatch says that F. W. Crandall of the Western Electric Company of Chicago, who bought the Southern interest in the St. Louis Electric Light and Power Company, has sold out to the Edison Illuminating Company. This practically combines all the electric light companies in the city.

The Papyrus Club of Boston has given to the public library of that city a fund of \$1000 in memory of John Boyle O'Reilly, the Irish poet, author and educator. The fund is to be invested and the income spent for books, in each of which a book plate perpetuating the poet's memory is to be inserted and maintained.

The New Haven Chair Company, manufacturers of bicycles and rolling chairs, have applied for a receivership. Isaac Dunn, director of the company, and W. M. Merrick were appointed. Liabilities about \$75,000; assets unknown. The company was organized in 1864, with a capital stock of \$110,000. Business depression is given as the trouble.

In a deal for coal lands in East Tennessee and Northern Kentucky the amount of money involved will be between five million and ten million. The Coal Creek and Jellico mines, which is sought might, may be acquired until later, are in the deal, and the only mine of any consequence left to compete with the syndicate will be the State mine at Brushy mountain.

In Detroit, Michigan, Ella Holbrook Walker, daughter of a member of the largest firm of whisky distillers on this continent, became Countess Manfred von Matschke and Baroness von Topolze. Justice Shellenbarger performed the civil, and Right Rev. Bishop Foley the religious ceremony. The groom was attended by his brother, Count Eberhard. The bride's dowry is about half a million. The couple departed for Upper Silesia.

A dispatch from Anderson, Ind., says Mrs. Harrietta Wilkie of Elwood has been admitted to the Madison County Circuit and Superior Court bars over the protest of Attorney John Beels of Anderson, who protested on the point of constitutionality. The case has been under advisement for some days and this ruling is a very important precedent, as it is the first time the question of legality of a woman practicing law has ever been brought up in this State.

A committee of German protectionists has addressed a communication to the Foreign Office, complaining of American competition and asking for a heavy import duty on American cycles, on the ground that if such a duty is not imposed, 2000 men employed in German cycle factories will be thrown out of work, owing to the extraordinary cheapness of American wheels. The petition is not likely to be granted, for the cheapness complained of generally lasts only until the cycle in question becomes famous.

A Minneapolis dispatch says Judge St. Louis has refused to grant a writ of habeas corpus to a man who has been handed down an opinion that, while it was the duty of the Governor to respond to the Grand Jury's subpoena and to produce such papers as it required, he could not be compelled to do so by the judiciary branch of the State government, which is only coordinate with and not superior to the legislative. The Governor is exempt from judicial processes while in discharge of his duties, and he alone is judge of when such processes would interfere with such duties. He is amenable to the Legislature alone, which may impeach him for violation of duty.

New York capitalists, through Manning & Cameron of Phoenix, Arizona, closed the purchase of the famous group of San Xavier mines from the Boston owners. The group comprises seven mines extensively developed. They were first discovered and worked forty years ago, and are considered to contain the largest deposits of copper, silver and lead ores in Southern Arizona. The mines are located sixteen miles south of Tucson. The effect of the sale has been to already stimulate commercial interest there, as well as the demands for options of several other large copper properties in the district.

Formal application has been made by the Western Union Telegraph Company for permission to list \$2,000,000 additional stock, issued against improvements, including eighty-eight miles of new line and a new building in Chicago, costing \$1,000,000. In its application the company says that the stock has been sold. The application came before the Stock List Committee of the exchange and there is reason to believe that it will be favorably acted upon. It will now come before the governors. The authorized capital stock of the Western Union Telegraph Company is \$100,000,000.

FOREIGN NEWS.

An excursion train from Birmingham to Oldham, Eng., was derailed at Westhampton. Nine persons were killed and twenty-five injured.

The Brazilian government will attempt to get San Orilleo of Montevideo, Uruguay, to visit Rio de Janeiro for the purpose of elucidating his discovery of a cure for yellow fever.

It is reported in Hermosillo, Mexico, that Juan Pedrazini has sold his famous El Carmen mine in the Arizona district for \$1,500,000, while still retaining an interest in the property sufficiently large to keep him out of the poorhouse for the next fifty years.

A dispatch from the City of Mexico says a new volcano has broken out about two-thirds of a mile from Tehuantepec. In the seismic disturbance incidental to the opening of the volcano the village of Mistequilla was destroyed. The fatalities, if any, are not reported.

The New York Herald's correspondent in Guatemala telegraphs that the government has issued a decree guaranteeing for seven days all vessels on which cases of fever of any kind have occurred. The Pacific Mail steamships San Jose and Acapulco are in quarantine at the port of San Jose.

The bill for suppressing kinesiography and press reports of prize-fights has been passed by the Canadian Senate, but may through shortness of time delay the remainder of the session fail to pass the House of Commons and become a law this year, as some sporting members will block the bill. The bill will pass next year, anyway, if Canadian legislators continue in their present mood.

The Hawaiian Government has refused to pay indemnity to Japan for its refusal to land certain Japanese immigrants, and denies that its treaty with that government has been violated. The Japanese minister at Honolulu expresses his intention to renew the demand, and in case of a repeated refusal, his government will break off diplomatic relations with the island republic.

There have been filed with the Secretary of State in Albany, N. Y., a certificate of incorporation of the Rio Grande, Sierra Madre and Pacific Railroad of Mexico with a capital stock of \$3,120,000. The company proposes to construct a road from Ciudad Juarez, in the State of Chihuahua, to Corralitos, in the same State, a distance of fifty-six miles. The directors are John T. Terry, Edwin D. Morgan, John Humphreys, A. Gifford Agnew, George C. Rowland, Sidell Tighman, John B. Lawrence, Jr., W. Morton Grinnell and Edward A. Shepard of New York City.

The Canadian House of Commons has passed the Alien Labor Bill. The bill, which is a modification of the American bill, with the exception that it is in the first place, while the American law can be put in force by a customs-house official, the Canadian act can only be enforced by the Attorney-General of the Dominion, or somebody whom he authorizes to do so. In the second place the act only applies to the United States, as already said. The act will never be put in force, but will be a measure of getting some satisfactory arrangement with the United States.

A special to the New York Herald from Caracas says the financial situation in Venezuela is not flourishing. The rate of exchange has never been so high. The situation of the country is calm. The coffee crop promises to be bountiful. The nucleus of the Pope, M. Tontile, has left Venezuela. The considerable concession granted to the banking firm of Rutgers in Buenos Aires for the creation of a bank called the Bolivar Bank, with a capital of 15,000,000 bolivars, will be annulled at once by the government, the creators of the bank not having fulfilled their contract, which obliges them to deposit 5,000,000 in the safe of the government sixty days after the signing of the contract.

The disastrous effects of the earthquake which occurred recently in Calcutta, India, are widespread. The damage to property is almost incalculable, and the sufferings of the people are terrible. Railway trains were overturned. Thousands are homeless and starving. In addition to this the registered 126 degrees in the shade. The shocks were felt at several other places, and far down the central provinces. An immense amount of damage was done in several localities. At Darjiling many houses were destroyed. Traffic on the Eastern Bengal railroad is interrupted. Bridges have been damaged and a train was overturned on the Assam-Bengal line. The ground opened at Manipur, and the town of Kohima, north of Manipur, was severely damaged.

The Canadian Parliament has passed a bill, which the publication of a Sunday paper is penalized in \$50 for the first offense and \$100 for each subsequent one. Other penalties are enforced on the sale of Sunday papers by news-vendors and boys. There are no seven-day papers published in Canada, and those which appear on Sunday morning are not issued on Monday. Hence the result of the change will, as regards Canadian newspaper men engaged on dailies that now issue a Sunday paper, be that instead of working only a short time during the small hours of every early morning on Sundays they will have to toil all through the Sabbath afternoon and evening. British Columbia is chiefly affected by the change, as there more than elsewhere in Canada is it a custom to print a Sunday paper in lieu of a Monday morning paper. The Vancouver News-Advertiser and Victoria Colonist are both affected by this change, which each angrily but vainly denounces.

A dispatch from the City of Mexico says that all existing concessions for railways granted to the Mexican National Construction Company have been forfeited for non-fulfillment of the terms of the charters. The company, however, has one line operating from Manzanillo, on the Pacific Coast, to Colima, capital of the State of the same name. This line, of course, remains in possession of the railway, but it loses the proposed extension of this line from Colima to the City of Guadalajara.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Some Important Happenings in the South

THAT MAY PLEASE OUR READERS.

An Assortment of New Events That Occurred in our midst That Cannot Fail to Interest.

San Bernardino is still enthusiastic over baseball and bicycling.

The walnut crop at Rivera is estimated at 10,000 sacks against 26,000 last year.

The Watsonville creamery has commenced operations. It can handle 16,000 pounds daily.

Arizona produced 125,980 ounces of gold last year, an increase of 30,908 over the preceding year.

Fishing and hunting is fully in order at Catalina and the sports of the gun and line are having a great time.

By actual count there are 127 derricks and 131 oil wells in Sumnerland. The number of tanks is not reported.

Dr. Bailey of Santa Ana has grown a King Solomon's lily 17 inches in length; it is dark purple in color—also in smell.

The two and one-half miles of road to be built between Chino and Pomona will be completed by the Southern Pacific at once.

The crop of lemons for this year from Morona and Pacific Beach is estimated at not less than twenty-two carloads.

Charles Kerr, of San Jacinto, who has 5000 acres in grain this year reports that his wheat crop will be the best harvested in years.

Long Beach has voted \$10,000 bonds to be expended in building a high school. Only four citizens out of 133 were against the issue.

Pasadena is somewhat excited over what is believed to be the work of fire bugs. Several vacant houses have been set on fire of late.

Two large warehouses are being erected at Hemet which will be leased by Jules Kauffman and Sons of San Jacinto for grain storage purposes.

The Gold Coin mine at Randsburg has been closed by a receiver and will not open up again until the matter of its ownership is decided in the courts.

San Diego and Riverside counties have formally and officially consented to take action under the Pico law to create the State of South California.

The Pomona Fruit Exchange stands by the Southern California association and will ship its next winter's crops as in the past, through the association.

Twenty of the "schoolmarm" of Riverside county have been married or engaged during the past term, according to statements made by Superintendent Hyatt.

A local granite company is shipping building stone from the Santee quarry to San Francisco. It is an excellent quality of granite and the demand for it is extending.

Riverside will have another park, the result of the patriotism of the Englishmen of that town, who propose to present the city with an improved park to be called Victoria.

Many Gila monsters have been killed in the neighborhood of Kingman the past few weeks. It is supposed the late rains have driven them from their usual abode.

The Riverside Humane Society has filed articles of incorporation. The directors are Sarah E. Molo, Pauline Schermerhorn, J. P. Baumgartner, A. C. Christen and S. H. Herrick.

Prospects for the raisin crop in El Cajon continue to be good. The output of raisins this year will probably be fifteen to twenty per cent greater than either of the two past years.

Riverside and San Bernardino counties are talking of another compromise on the suit of the former against the latter. This is about the tenth time that such talk has been indulged in.

The lemon growers of Redlands and vicinity have incorporated under the name of the Redlands Lemon Growers' Association. A packing and curing house will probably be erected at once.

At Mojave mining is fairly on the boom. The great finds in the mountains near that place have given an impetus to mining in that section never felt before in the history of that part.

A block at the corner of I and Eleventh streets, San Diego, has been selected as the site for the annual encampment of the Southern California Veteran's association, which meets in August.

All the property of the San Diego and Town Company, at National City, was sold recently to the highest bidder. It was bought in by B. P. Cheney and W. L. Post, who represented a Boston syndicate.

Santa Ana believes it is about to have a beet sugar factory. The story is that the Clarke Brothers, who built the Alamitos factory, desire to erect another and look favorably upon Santa Ana as a location.

The British residents of Southern California are endeavoring to raise a fund of \$3,000 to be used in founding a house for waifs in Los Angeles, the work being done in honor of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

The expedition sent out from Throop Polytechnic Institute, Pasadena, to explore Santa Barbara, San Clemente and San Nicolas Islands, and gather valuable relics, has returned home safely with a very good collection.

The Creamery association of San Bernardino has declared the first dividend since the establishment of the enterprise. The dividend was 6 per cent, or \$3 on the share. The capital stock is \$150,000, or 150 shares at \$50 each.

San Diego is one of the most expensively governed cities in the State, in proportion to its population. It costs about \$60,000 annually to look after the interests of 20,000 people, or \$3 per capita. The securing of a new charter is under consideration.

The contract awarded by the Southern California Power Company at Red-

lands to a San Francisco concern and rescinded because they failed to begin work has been relet to E. S. Phelan of Redlands, who will begin work ten days after the filing of his bond.

Passenger conductors on the Southern California road who have heretofore stopped at San Diego, while the brakemen took the train on to National City, now have to make the trip to that city in compliance with a new order.

Orange County School Superintendent Greeley has received complete school census returns from the school districts in the county, and the number of children between the ages of 5 and 17 years is given at 5197, a gain of 186 over last year.

Two stage lines now connect Dale City with the outside world. The Southern Pacific Company has put on a stage from Palm Springs to the new camp, and for some time past a regular line has been run from Amboy on the Santa Fe route.

E. M. Sheffield has in his paint mine, between Riverside and Corona, a most valuable property. The natural pigment is of six colors. The mineral works up readily and is of a rich blue. Mr. Sheffield believes the quantity is almost inexhaustible.

G. Bratt, M. S. Yetter and John McCool of Hemet are developing a coal mine near San Jacinto lake. Indications are good, the croppings being plainly seen and followed for a mile or more. There is also a quantity of lime rock close by which will prove good property.

Bicycle riding is all the rage in Yuma just now. Recently sixty-two wheels were counted on Main street at one time. Considering that one month ago not a dozen wheels were in Yuma it will be readily seen that the wheel will soon take the place of buggy and horseback riding in that section.

W. J. Grable, who has some mining claims in the vicinity of Randsburg, will pass this summer prospecting in the mountains between the upper part of San Antonio Canyon and the top of Old Baldy. His camp will be some 2000 feet above what is known as Dell's Camp.

The last Legislature changed the name of the Southern California Asylum to the Southern California State Hospital for the insane. The railroad company now changes the name of its station at the hospital from Asylum to Patton, in honor of Harry Patton of the Los Angeles Herald.

A railroad to White Hills is now an assured fact. The line will run close to the foothills, taking in the camps of Cerbat, Todd Basin, Mineral Park and Chloride. In time it will pass on north to connect on with the Utah Southern, penetrating the great Salt mountains on the Rio Virgin and the iron and coal mines of Utah.

The latest gold discoveries in Arizona are almost at the doorway of its capital city. Less than twenty miles east of Phoenix are the Estrella Mountains, low peaks that continue to the northward from the Maricopa Divide. Here the most recent finds of gold have been made, and hither the prospectors are flocking in numbers.

The owners of valuable dogs at Santa Monica are on the warpath and have hired detectives to run a dog-poisoner to death. This miscreant has poisoned a dozen thoroughbred canines during the past ten days and a vigorous effort will be made to apprehend him and send him to the penitentiary. A reward of \$500 is offered for his conviction.

The noble red man is being utilized in the fields in Southern California, just as he is up in Washington. There he picks hops and here he digs canals for rearing purposes. A big gang of Indians have been engaged at this work for the past two weeks in the vicinity of Perris, but they have folded their tents and gone off to tackle a similar job at Oro Grande.

Fred Rafferty of the Hermosa Gardens, Santa Ana, is making a large shipment of plants and bulbs to the East. Recently he has received orders for over six thousand calla lily bulbs and orders for 40,000 freesia bulbs are now being filled. These shipments go to New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Illinois. Over ten thousand violet plants have lately been set out.

The beet crop in and around Chino has reached the stage when the outcome of this year's crop can be safely predicted. The factory will handle 40,000 tons of beets, from which the sugar extract will be in the neighborhood of 18,000 tons. This will give the beet growers, calculating the rise of beets at \$3.50 a ton, about \$60,000. Apart from the bounty question the factory will realize on the sugar output about \$1,370,000, rating the sugar at 4 cents a pound.

San Marcos Island, opposite Santa Rosalie in Lower California, is said to contain large quantities of gypsum. This article is chiefly used in building as "plaster of Paris," but has been quite extensively in demand for the reclamation of alkali lands. But as it is now shown that, for the still-feeding of beef cattle, alkali ground will grow as good beets as any other kind of soil; and as pears and asparagus will also do well on alkali lands, it is possible that the demand for gypsum for reclamation purposes will soon abate perceptibly.

E. J. Baldwin is showing much activity in his business interests in the region of Los Angeles. He is now negotiating his Rancho El Puente, which contains about 20,000 acres, or nearly one-quarter of the fertile San Gabriel Valley. The prospect is that the transaction will soon be consummated, in which event the purchasers will erect a large beet sugar factory, and the entire property will be devoted to sugar beet culture. This will give Los Angeles three great sugar factories, one at Hemet, one at Alamitos, which will commence operations in a few days, and the one at Puente. The latter location is particularly well adapted to such a purpose, as the oil wells on the ranch will afford plenty of fuel, while there is an inexhaustible supply of lime for refining purposes.

In Chicago the Union Pacific has given thirty days' notice of withdrawal from the Western Passenger Association. The fight over divisions to be allowed the Oregon Short Line caused the action.

FACTS FOR FARMERS.

Helpful Suggestions For the Agriculturists.

HINTS THAT ARE INTERESTING.

Some Good Advice for the Ruralists—A Budget of Knowledge That May